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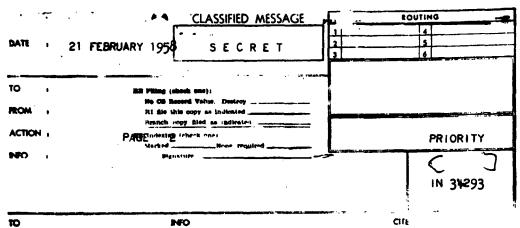
2. MAJORITY PEOPLE JERU DISTRICT VIEW IRAQ JORDAN UNION FAVORABLY (HOWEVER CELEBRATIONS NOT VERY LARGE WEEKEND 15 FEB.

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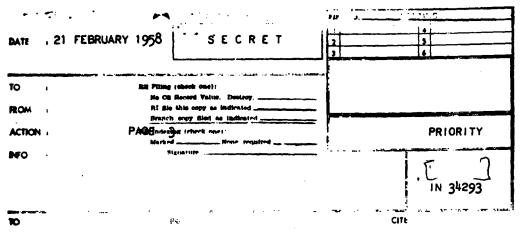
PEOPLE VIEW UNION WITH IRAQ STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION AND PARTICULAR ENCOURAGED POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY BENIFITS BUT SOME FEEL UNION WITH SYRIA AND EGYPT MORE PRACTICAL BECAUSE CLOSER EMOTIONAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL TIES WITH CAIRO AND DAMA THAN BAGH. HIGH RANKING JORDAN ARMY OFFICERS APPEAR VERY PLEASED WITH UNION IRAQ AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY CELEBRATED ANNOUNCE ENT.

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENT UAR RECEIVED FAVOR BLE RESPONSE NABLUS
 (SEE NJJ-129). ABSOLUTE MAJORITY WES BANK VIEWED UNION EGYPT AND
 SYRIA FAVORABLY.
- 4. IN JANUARY 58 EX MUREL HAJI AMIN HUSAYNI MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS (A. PRINCIPAL EFFORT UAR TO BE DIRECTED CREATING FAVORABLE CONDITIONS ATTACKING ISRAEL WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN END 50: BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA AGREED WITH USSR FOR DESTRUCTION ISLAEL AFTER SOVIETS COMPLETED READYING SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN ARMINS. USSR PRESENTLY TRAINING IN RUSSIA, SOVIET TROOPS FOR POSSIBLE USE WAR WITH ISRAEL IN CASE USG OR UK ATTEMPT ASSIST ISRAEL. B. UAR STUDYING WHAT IRAQI AND JORDANIAN REACTION TO

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WAR WITH ISRAEL WILL BE. CALL WILL BE MADE ALL ARABS JOIN WAR AND ANY GOVT REFUSING WOULD BE DESTROYED. C. PALESTINE PART GREATER SYRIA AND MUST JOIN UAR HUSAYNI SENT LETTER PRES NASR, NASR PROMISED BRING PALESTINE INTO UNION AT SOME UNDETERMINED DATE.

5. HAJJ AMIN REQUESTED ALL HIS "AGENTS" COME CAIRO DURING WEEK 23 FEB FOR CONFERENCE AND URGE UNION OF PALESTINE WITH UAR. FIELD COMMENT (BELIEVE INITIAL FAVORIBLE REACTION UNION IRAQ JORDAN STRONG ENOUGH WEST BANK TO OFFSET TROUBLE HERE BY ANY ANNOUNCEMENT BY HAJJ AMIN REFORMING PALESTINE GOVT AND ITS UNION WITH UAR. SUCH RUMORED ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR 14 FEBRUARY DID RECEIVE FAVORABLE COMMENT. DISSEM. CONSULATE 21 FEB 58 1500Z.

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